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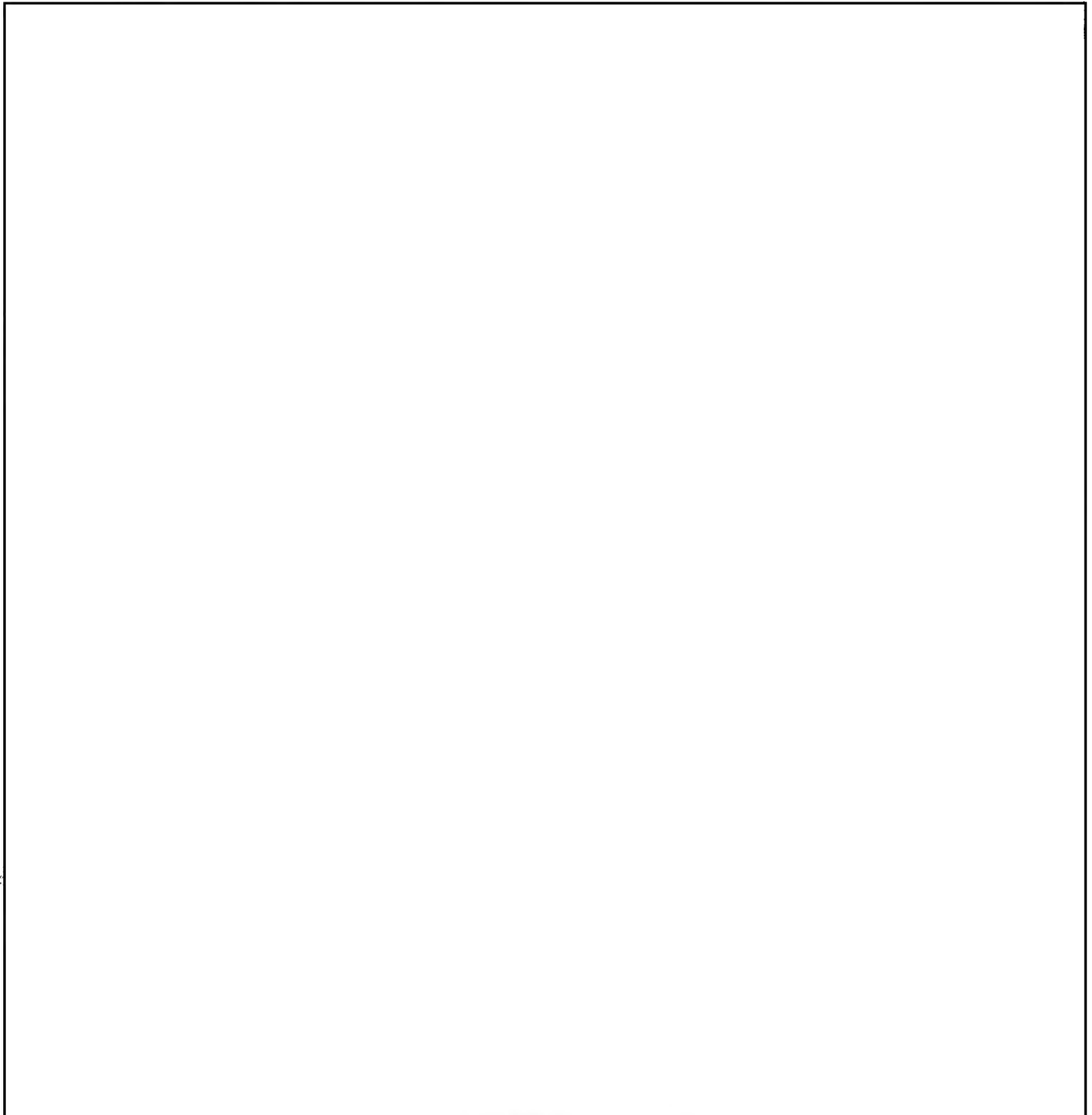
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CHRONOLOGICAL STAFF STUDY PLAN ☐

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This chronological staff study has been prepared by the Operations Division in order to determine the present status of Plan [] We have also endeavored to show the development and implementation stages of Plan [] and any agreements or commitments made by this Agency in conjunction with this plan. The information for this staff study was obtained from the OC-0 cable files, correspondence files and from memorandums exchanged between CIA and the Department of State.

The need for Emergency Communications Planning was first realized at the outbreak of hostilities in Korea. At that time the Chief of Communications, CIA, directed that communications plans for emergency communications be written and effected for posts in the European area. The plan to establish this emergency communications network with a Base

Station located [] is explained in WASH [] to Chief, [] On 2 July 1950 the first cable WASH [] was sent to Chief, [] authorizing the implementation of Plan [] which at that time consisted of the following posts: []

[] It should be noted that immediately upon receipt of these instructions the [] support stations under the direction of the Chief, [] initiated an extensive program to implement Plan [] by actually assigning personnel and installing the necessary radio equipment at these posts and by 9 December 1950 ten (10) of the [] stations were manned and ready for operations [] - 7 July 1950) -

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The first indication of any coordination with the State support missions at departmental level is noted in WASH [] dated 24 July 1950 which states that CIA and the Department of State had reviewed the [] program. As a result of this review a procedure was established for the assignment of operators and the installation of radio equipment at [] support missions located at []

During this time the Central Intelligence Agency continued to carry out Plan [] to the extent of distributing permanent signal plans and equipment to all [] stations WASH [] dated 13 September 1950. It was not until 31 March 1951 that any further record of coordination of Plan [] with the [] was noted. On this date a cable WASH [] [] was sent to Chief, [] stating that Plan [] had been coordinated with but not sponsored by the Department of State. This cable authorized the Chief, [] to discuss plan [] with the [] and to proceed on an informal basis until a formal approach had been made by the Department of State. However, there is no record in the files available to this Division to show where this Agency had been approached by the Department of State for the purpose of establishing a formal committal on their utilization of Plan [] It should be noted that correspondence and cables up to this point clearly indicates that coordination between this Agency and the Department of State was on an informal peace meal or individual station basis rather

[] facilities and/or []

After approximately one year of work by this Agency on establishing Plan [] as a permanent CIA emergency communication plan a letter dated 28 May 1951 was received by the Director, CIA from the Special Assistant,

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Intelligence [] expressing a desire to establish communications evacuation facilities for use in connection with evacuation of the Northern and Western European area at the time of a possible emergency. He further stated that a joint study was in progress for the consolidation of both State and CIA emergency communications programs and that an informal agreement had been reached whereby certain [] facilities would be available to the Department of State on an informal basis. In the Directors reply he stated that this Agency was prepared to participate in the establishment of an emergency communications system at [] mentioned in [] subject to the availability of personnel and equipment. Since an official approach had been made by the Department of State to CIA and an agreement reached for the collaboration and implementation of Plan [] in support of State evacuation activities this Divisions immediate intention was to complete the installation of equipment and initiate procurement and processing of personnel WASH [] It was not, however, the intention of this Division to release control of both the radio operator [] i.e., establish the [] radio operator as "the last ditch" radio operator for the Ambassador. It was also believed, as stated in the Directors letter, that further negotiations would be necessary before [] could be fully implemented and additional correspondence would be necessary prior to firming up this program.

However, on the 16th of August 1951 Department of State distributed a circular airgram to its European area missions indicating it had under consideration for establishment an emergency evacuation network. It further stated that this network was a result of recommendations received from the Department of State and [] in coordinating plans for emergency evacuation.

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